

## COMBATTANTS OF THE WAR

Actors, Satisfied With New Contract, Are Told to Forget and Forgive.

### A. E. L. OFFICER EXPLAINS

Strikebreakers Got Agreements During Fight—Losses Growing Rapidly.

The Actors Equity Association and the Actors Fidelity League, continuing their series of retaliatory meetings, played in opposition to each other yesterday. The Equity had a secret gathering at the Lexington Theatre, at which indications were given that its leaders decided to settle the strike to prevent a long drawn war of attrition and to keep the stage hands and musicians from losing money to make them peevish. The Fidelity had an open meeting at the Hotel Astor at which George M. Cohan, the president, announced that if he thought he could bring Home Rule to Ireland he'd go over there.

The Equity meeting, which was attended by about a thousand persons, not counting newspaper men, who were barred according to a rumor that has now become a hallowed tradition with the Equity, brought an interesting sidelight on the final settlement from Justice Sheffield, who said that the Equity counsel, when a player in the district.

"I walked out on strike, though I didn't have any contract at all. When I go back I find my place filled. Why didn't the Equity make sure that I like myself would get their jobs back?"

### Contracts for Strike Breakers.

"The strike breakers got permanent contracts," explained Mr. Sheffield, "while the Equity men were not. We couldn't ask that these persons be thrown out of their positions, because some of the managers were in such a temper that the strike would have gone on for one month more at least."

"I want you to understand," he went on, "that a great deal of money was lost by the musicians' union. Mr. Sheffield said this amounted to at least \$100,000 a week in wages. The stage hands lost \$50,000 a week—that was up to ten days ago, before the season began. After the season started it was calculated that \$240,000 was lost by both organizations each week."

"The Ziegfeld Follies," which was represented in the strike by Eddie Foy, the Doolleys, and other stars, lost a great deal of money. Not one of these players had Equity contracts, but went out nevertheless at a cost to themselves of \$4,000 a week in salaries.

### Forget, Forgive, Says Cohan.

At the Fidelity meeting Mr. Cohan drew a hearty affirmative chorus from the 350 members present when, making the peace agreement, he asked them if they were satisfied. Mr. Cohan then got in trim for the curtain speeches he may make this season by the following silver tongue effort:

"We must start to try to forget—to forgive. We've got to get out of the mess. We'll have to meet these people. We have reached the end of the line. It doesn't mean anything in my life if they call us Fidos or the yellow league. There may be a lull, but the greatest weapon we have is kindness. You can kill some men with kindness, you know."

The tone of this address, indeed, prevailed throughout the gathering, which was marked by its quiet, cool temper and its absence of any rancor toward its rivals in the Equity. When a vote of thanks was proposed for Louis Mann, the vice-president, Mr. Cohan drew a general laugh by this introduction of the player, who has shown himself never at a loss for words.

"I'm sure you have something to say," he said. "Sure enough, Mr. Mann did, uttering his remarks above a monophonic crowd that showed an even greater wing spread than usual. Said the orator: 'We have reached the end of the line. We have struggled for. I am happy to be known by the name of Fido.' And thereupon, to show there was a classical sanction for this nickname, he quoted from Shakespeare without a struggle: 'It'd rather be a dog baying at the moon than shut one's mouth.'"

While praising the work of the board of directors he came to the name of Janet Beecher, whereupon a great surge of emotion swept over Mr. Mann and he broke out in tears.

### Fidelity Benefit Postponed.

Holbrook Blinn announced that the Fidelity benefit at the Century Theatre had been postponed until Sunday evening, September 21, as the Equity had to accept a \$50,000 harvest from it. Other speakers were Harlan Bates, David Warfield, who paid \$1,000 for the first seat at the benefit; media Blinn, who said she had taken a part with Mr. Brady's production "At 9:49" at the Playhouse during the strike only in order to show the Equity that she was the original player had her part back; Nora Bayes, who promised to play at the benefit; Bessie McCoy Davis, who asked permission to make up as a "Fido" dog at the benefit; and Elmer Hulan, whose declaration that a body like the board of directors might even get home rule for Ireland brought this from Mr. Cohan:

"If I thought I could get it for Ireland I'd go over there myself."

The next meeting will be held some time next week, the Equity, far from dissolving, intends to have a long run in this city, and Mr. Cohan announced that he would devote everything he had to it.

### PARIS SHOW STRIKE ENDS.

Compromise is Made and Music Halls and Movies Reopen.

Paris, Sept. 9.—A compromise was reached today in the dispute between the theatrical managers and the actors, which had resulted in the closing of the greater portion of the amusement places in Paris.

It was announced that the theatres, music halls and motion picture houses would reopen this evening.

## HIS BOMB THREATS LEAD TO BELLEVUE

Test Sanity of Man Who Menaced Breitung.

Threats to bomb the offices of Edward N. Breitung at 11 Pine street, and several other business houses were traced yesterday by the police to John N. Redmond, 38, of 383 Riverside Drive, who was committed to the psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital for observation. In an affidavit shown to Detective Sergeant John F. McCoy, it was stated that Redmond believed himself to have been victimized by Wall Street brokers and "defenders of millions" and that he believed when he went to the General Post Office to mail a letter, Mr. Breitung was able to do the police by furnishing a check for \$10,000, which he believed had been the threatening note.

In court Redmond told Magistrate Frothingham that he came here five years ago from North Dakota and had sunk all his money in wildcat oil ventures. He gave his occupation as an oil salesman when he was arrested. Detective McCoy said that in Redmond's apartment he found a revolver.

The last letter addressed to Mr. Breitung was received by him Saturday, containing a threat to blow up his home at 18 East Seventy-sixth street. Several other letters were sent out, the police said.

### 15 MANHOLES BLOW UP, INJURING DOZEN

Explosion of Waste Gasoline From Garage Breaks Scores of Windows.

Life in the neighborhood of East Forty-second street is getting to be just one darn explosion after another. Accumulated sewer gas, caused mostly by waste gasoline draining into the sewers from the numerous garages in that district, blew off the manhole covers, with the regularity of "Old Faithful," the celebrated geyser in Yellowstone Park.

Yesterday morning fifteen manhole covers flew up with rather more than the usual level of violence. Several persons were injured from the resulting downpour of broken glass. The firing line extended through Forty-second street from the East River to Third avenue and north to Forty-fifth street. On the corner of Third avenue and Forty-second street the two foot iron disk that covers the sewer hole shot into the air with such force that it would doubtless have established an altitude record had it not come in contact with the elevated railway structure, which it damaged. All the windows on the block were broken and the police estimated the damage at \$2,500.

The persons cut by falling glass were attended in a drug store by Dr. Hamilton of Bellevue Hospital and Dr. Birmingham of Flower Hospital. They were all taken to their homes.

Five Central Clothing Store at 661 Third avenue, valued at \$250 each, were blown in by the blast. Finegold and Spire, the proprietor, was forced to stock of their losses, including much damage to their fall lines in "gent's furnishings."

"The last blowout was August 6," responded a query Mr. Brady. Sheffield said that William A. Brady and Abraham L. Erlanger had assured him that the Producing Managers Association had signed a contract with them that would be no discrimination by members of the organization. All those having complaints against managers on the score of discrimination were referred to Mr. Sheffield to Frank Higgins, executive secretary of the Equity, who heads a committee "to take care of managers who discriminate."

### INUNCTION BLOCKS CLOTHING STRIKERS

Rogers Peet Co. Sues Union Men for \$100,000 Damages.

Temporary injunctions restraining sixty-five officers and members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America from acts of violence and intimidation in connection with the strike called recently by the union against the Rogers Peet Company were granted yesterday in the Supreme Court by Justice Guy.

The hearings on the orders will be held in Part I, Special Term, next week. Soon after the injunction orders were granted, summons and complaint in a suit filed by the Rogers Peet Company against Sidney Hillman, as president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and the other officers and members of the union, were served on the plaintiff demands judgment for \$100,000 damages, were filed in the County Court House.

The plaintiff alleges that it has 200 employees who are manufacturing garments in the Supreme Court building and that about sixty of these are members of the union. The affidavits state that for some time past there has been no complaint from the workers as to wages, hours or conditions, and in spite of this a strike was called on July 26.

Since then, it is alleged, thirty or more men have picketed daily the walk in front of the establishments and recently have extended their activities to the picketing of stores owned and operated by the company. The defendants have twenty days in which to file answers.

### NO FRAUDS FOUND IN PRIMARY CONTEST

Ninety Votes Examined in La Guardia Inquiry.

In his quest for frauds on the part of the supporters of Representative F. H. La Guardia in the primary contest for the Republican nomination for President of the Board of Aldermen, Assistant District Attorney W. N. Pecora so far has not found a single vote which would admit he got for William M. Bennett.

Up to last night Mr. Pecora had examined ninety votes from the Second and Sixth Assembly districts. Mr. Pecora had nothing to say yesterday about his declaration of Monday that he had found four cases of forgery in the signature books. He said he would examine the election officials in that district, but he did not see them yesterday. Mr. Bennett maintained silence. No application was made to the court for an inspection of the ballots.

### Herbert Du Fay Under Operation.

Herbert Du Fay, chairman of the board of directors of the Crucible Steel Company, was operated upon yesterday in the French Hospital for gall trouble. The operation was performed by Dr. Charles Peck, and the patient was later reported to be resting well.

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Press Pay Fight

Policemen and Firemen Hold Meetings to Demand \$2,000 Minimum.

### 50,000 OTHERS TO MEET

Civil Service Workers Seek From 10 to 20 Per Cent. Increase.

The Federal, State and municipal civil service employees who have been striving for increased wages to conform with the rapid rise in living conditions are determined to cast their lot with the American Federation of Labor, it developed last night when the 50,000 men and women who run Parker Knickerbocker's business openly declared they intended to carry their fight to the leaders of organized labor.

All the city employees are members of "The Civil Service Union," which has 175,000 civil service employees throughout the State. Under the leadership of Frank Prial the local forum is going to request the city government to grant a 10 per cent. increase to all workers averaging \$2,000 a year and a 20 per cent. increase for those receiving less than \$2,000 a year.

A mass meeting was planned by Mr. Prial and his associates in Madison Square Garden or Carnegie Hall within the next week. Several prominent labor leaders will talk with the city workers and endeavor to show them they may affiliate with organized labor.

### 900 Policemen Present.

More than 900 policemen attended the meeting of the Policemen's Benevolent Association in Mannerholl Hall, 203 East Fifty-sixth street, yesterday, when it was decided to petition the Mayor, Edward J. Gurnea, and the Board of Police Commissioners to demand a \$2,000 a year as a minimum salary. About 150 delegates who have been interviewing city bodies and citizens reported that every one seemed to be in favor of the new wage scale, which it is hoped will be passed in the budget for 1920.

While the policemen were meeting, the members of the International Fire Fighters' Union, gathered in the assembly room of the Pulitzer Building, 1,000 strong and decided they would ask for the same wage increase. The police request it will mean \$1,600 per year for new firemen and policemen and \$2,000 when they reached the senior grade.

Albert Guinness, leader of the firemen, announced that both departments would cooperate in the campaign which will be directed against the average citizen through the press and the city associations. The firemen also passed a resolution pledging a life salary to President Guinness and the other officers of the Civil Service Union, their intent to wage their salary fight outside of the campaign of that organization. The forum takes in clerks, stenographers, accountants, paymasters, court clerks and other employees. Robert Hamburger, a clerk in The Bronx County Court, who is one of the leaders of the Civil Service Union, said that the minimum pay not even to employees in the competitive class is only \$24 per week. Street sweepers are demanding \$44, window cleaners \$35 and fire wagon drivers from \$45 to \$56 per week.

### Sees Citizens Behind Police.

Capt. Harry A. Ely, chairman of the Auxiliary Committee of the Washington Heights, spoke at the patrolmen of this great city who make and omen of this great city who make and break its administrative powers are the police. The police are the men in their fight for more pay. The two departments represent forces of which the city has long been proud.

Both President Moran and Guinness were ordered before their respective Commissioners after the meeting yesterday. They refused to divulge what had taken place. Commissioner Drennan said:

"Mayor Hylan is willing to listen to the firemen and deal with them as members of the uniformed force. He is fully satisfied that the police will be up to the men to present their case and talk across the table to the Board of Estimate."

The earnings of the firemen are of interest to the citizens in their petition for more pay. Mayor Hylan has been receiving hundreds of letters favorable to the firemen and policemen.

### TROLLEY CO. UNABLE TO PAY POWER BILL

Nassau Electric Owes B. R. T. \$528,880, Mayor Told.

The Nassau Electric Railroad Company, one of the most important of the surface line subsidiaries of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, informed Federal Judge John M. Mayer yesterday that it is unable to pay bills aggregating \$528,880 which is owed to the B. R. T. for power supplied during the past several days.

The earnings of the Nassau company for the six months ending June 30 showed net revenue over taxes and expenses of \$144,385. Because of the increase in the cost of power, the company's earnings calculated there will be a constant monthly deficit under operating expenses.

He estimated that the increase will add at least \$400,000 to operating expenses. If earnings continue at the rate of the six months mentioned, a deficit from operations of \$500,000 is calculated for the coming year. He applied to the court for an order compelling the company to pay the power bills.

## DICKINSON'S HIGH ORDERS

Socks Off Girl Pupils

Innovation in Dress Causes Jersey City Principal to Gasp and Students Are Forced Into Regulation Black Stockings.

Dickinson High School in Jersey City is as respectable an institution of learning as this heavily moralized country of ours can produce. There'll be no fandangos or scrimshankings there. If any girl thinks that she's going to introduce innovations into the cloistered halls of Dickinson High she needn't take the trouble to go for she won't be allowed in.

Dickinson High has just opened for the fall term. Dickinson is a coeducational and its new freshman class is top heavy with girls. It used to be that the average age of the freshman class at Dickinson High was about 16, but of late years the children have been getting brighter or the elementary school teachers speedier, for the average age of first year pupils at Dickinson has dwindled to 14 and 13 years.

Among the freshmen who reported last week was an ingenue of eleven. She was a gangling scrawp. Her hair was bobbed and she wore a regulation dress almost reached her knees. It is likely that she'd have got by had that been all. But she wore socks! At first Principal Hopkins didn't believe it even after he'd had a look at her. A careful reconnaissance and after giving the new freshman a careful survey he took her gently by the hand and told her that the primary school was two blocks down and four to the right.

But that child showed him that she was a high schooler and that she was through with elementary education. Mr. Hopkins viewed her papers and called a meeting of the teachers. The result was that the prodigy was told to go home and take her long and shapely bare legs with her and not to come back until there was cloth between her ankles and her skirts if there was so much material to be had.

An hour later another girl appeared and she was a study in stockings as her predecessor and only a year older. She was told kindly but very firmly that stockings were as necessary to an education in Dickinson High as books and that she didn't matter what the fashions were—it was up to her parents to choose between stockings and French. So she went home wondering what it was all about.

Yesterday it was given out that there wasn't a bare leg in the freshman class: that the only nudity to be beheld in Prof. Hopkins's school was confined to football and basketball. However, ever, that one utterly shameless child of 13 reported for gymnasium hour in socks and you can just bet that she was caught after her school was closed. Her pretty but shocking bare limbs were properly hidden beneath decent black cotton.

### TWO EX-SOLDIERS KILLED BY TRAIN

Automobile They Are Taking to a Customer Is Hit Near Freeport, L. I.

Two former service men were killed and a number of children injured in automobile accidents yesterday. John Kreiser, 25, and Louis De Rue, 35, both of Hempstead, and both recently returned from foreign service, were killed when their car, which they were riding in was struck by a Long Island train known as the "Fish Express" at a crossing near Freeport. De Rue was employed by Kreiser in a garage. They were taking the car to a prospective customer when the accident took place. The bodies were taken to Freeport, where an investigation is being made.

Six persons of fourteen in a passenger motor bus were injured when the car collided with a Red avenue trolley at Eastern Parkway and Truxton avenue, Brooklyn. Some of the men injured were clinging to the running board when the crash came. The more seriously hurt were Rudolph Vetter, 23, 42nd Street, Brooklyn, and Joseph Broderick, 606 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn; Miss Marie Byrne, 13, 110 West 120th street, Manhattan, and Miss Marie Burnett, 19, 332 Fifth avenue, Manhattan.

Murphy, the driver, was charged with violation of the park ordinances in driving on a commercial vehicle roadway and with a plea of not guilty. The case was put over.

Helen Hughes, 12, 1367 Atlantic avenue, and Gertrude Cliff, 8, 215 West 14th street, Brooklyn, were injured by being run down while playing in front of their homes. Both are in hospitals with bruises. Irving Peterson, 18, 231 Sixth street, Brooklyn, is in the hospital with a fractured skull received when he was run down by a passenger automobile near his home. The driver did not stop after the accident. Witnesses furnished the police with a description of the car.

Samuel Berry, thirty-nine of 160 West Fifty-ninth street, Manhattan, was held without bail for the death of a child, for killing a Saturday, Lorenso Laurita, a street cleaner, 62. The police say that Berry was an inexperienced driver and became enraged when he was run down by a car. Berry was held without bail for the death of a child, for killing a Saturday, Lorenso Laurita, a street cleaner, 62.

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### ANDERSON DENIES HE CAUSED ARRESTS

Crusader Uses Detectives Only Against Offenders.

William H. Anderson, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, denied yesterday that detectives employed by the league had caused the arrest and imprisonment of John Walsh, 42, of 109 Judge street, and Charles Hoelderlein, 26, of 27 Wood street, both of Elmhurst, who were brought before United States Commissioner Sick in Brooklyn yesterday for the death of a child, for killing a Saturday, Lorenso Laurita, a street cleaner, 62.

The prosecutions were represented as being instigated by the Anti-Saloon League, through the efforts of a Manhattan agent, but Superintendent Anderson declared emphatically that the league had not and would not hire detectives to obtain evidence except to show the failure of officials to enforce the war time prohibition act.

Walsh and Hoelderlein were charged with selling liquor in a saloon opposite the railroad station at Elmhurst. A third man, Charles Speiser, a bartender employed by William B. Becker, 337 Kuickerbocker avenue, was arraigned on a similar charge and held for further examination.

"We don't at any time intend to employ detectives to get evidence as a basis of prosecution," Mr. Anderson asserted, when told that the 26, both of Elmhurst, who were brought before United States Commissioner Sick in Brooklyn yesterday for the death of a child, for killing a Saturday, Lorenso Laurita, a street cleaner, 62.

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### MUCH MYSTERY IN CASE

Chief of Police of Easthampton Tells of Blotter Entry of Attempted Suicide.

A great deal of mystery surrounds the presence in the Southampton (L. I.) Hospital of Mrs. Theodosius F. Stevens, whose husband is a well known lawyer and a grand-nephew of Edwin A. Stevens, founder of Stevens Institute.

Mrs. Stevens, who has been married but a little more than two years, was removed to the hospital some time ago from the Sea Spray Hotel at Easthampton in a very critical condition. No statement was issued as to the reason, and it was stated that she was set back to doing a great deal of talking.

One of these was to the effect that during a nervous spell Mrs. Stevens had done herself some physical injury, and that in the official records of the case in Suffolk county there was an entry of attempted suicide.

In connection with this report, Edward C. Mulford, Chief of Police at Easthampton, said last night over the telephone that there was such a record. He was asked specifically if he would state such a record existed and he replied, "Yes, it is so." He would make no comment on the matter other than this.

At the hospital where Mrs. Stevens is still confined it was stated that she was greatly improved. "Would you care to make any comment upon the report of her attempted suicide?" a nurse who answered the telephone was asked. "I really can't discuss that," she replied. Attempts to get into communication with other persons who might shed some light on the matter were of no avail.

Mrs. Stevens is the daughter of Ethelbert Watts, formerly American Consul-General at Brussels. Her grandfather was Henry M. Watts, American Minister to Austria.

She was married to Mr. Stevens March 25, 1917, at the home of her parents, 1921 Clinton street, Philadelphia, and has since lived with her husband in 19 East Fifth street, Manhattan. At the time of her marriage the bride was said to be 25 years of age.

WEDS TWO SOLDIERS AND DESERTS BOTH

Woman's Deception Bared by Chance Meeting.

When Edward Halpin, Jr., of Hoboken met Alfred Holiday of 224 Columbus avenue the other night, quite by chance, and began swapping war yarns he had a greater notion than passing a few minutes of the men who were on ground for sympathy, however, in relating their war romances. Halpin offered that he had married in June, 1918, and had since been married to his wife in six months. Holiday swapped back that he had taken a bride early in September, 1918, and that the wife early in Holiday's case, however, there had been an infant born.

In the discussion of their matrimonial troubles both men forgot to harrow each other with stories of the happenings when they were in the service. Halpin launched into description of his various wives. Holiday heard him in silence, and then remarked that it was curious two women could look so much alike. Before the conversation ended the men had pledged themselves to a sleuthing job, but they finally had to call upon the police.

On their complaint Margaret Rosenkrantz, 21, of 602 Newark street, Hoboken, was arrested yesterday as she was entering her place of employment in a bakery owned by Edmund Rosenkrantz, 25, of 188 West 18th street, and he is alleged to have admitted after his arrest that he had had one of the bonds in his possession. He has been serving a term in the Reformatory. One of his downtown acquaintances told the police that Benkwitz said last July that he was "tired of living on nothing."

The gangster, according to the police version, had no confidence in Benkwitz, and were inclined to regard him with suspicion. He is said to have been inclined to trick them, and the police believe they learned yesterday that Benkwitz was an associate of East Side gangsters, and that some of them had a grudge against him because of his having "squealed" on another messenger who had been in the hands of the Reformatory. One of his downtown acquaintances told the police that Benkwitz said last July that he was "tired of living on nothing."

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## POLICE RAID CRAP GAME, 31 ARRESTED

Tip That \$50,000 Was Involved Not Verified.

On a tip that there was a \$50,000 crap game at 30 Spring street, a block from Police Headquarters, Detective Sarge and Wheelwright of Inspector McDonald's staff took a look in that direction early yesterday morning. They saw a line of automobiles standing on the street and by the time they had gone down the street they had seen a "whiff" game, the players coming in relays.

The detectives found John Bowers standing in front of the building, and suspecting him was lookout, arrested him, and then by what persuasion they had at their command induced him to lead them to a rear entrance, where they broke open a door and came into a well lighted room. None of the thirty-one persons they found and arrested offered resistance, and when they were arranged in Tombs court paid fines of \$100 each for disorderly conduct and departed.

The police found no trace of the \$50,000, although some of the defendants were heard to remark that there had been such a thing. A strong box was seized, but the detectives did not make known what, if anything, was in it.

### MOTHER COLLAPSES AT DISINTERMENT

Mrs. Benkwitz Unable to Carry Out Plan to Identify Mutilated Body.

When the body of Benjamin Benkwitz, the youth who disappeared last month with \$175,000 worth of bonds in his possession, was lifted from its grave at Milford, Conn., yesterday afternoon, the young man's mother who witnessed the disinterment collapsed and had to be attended by physicians.